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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application Number: 10/500,561

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For: MEDICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING GHRELIN

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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on May 21, 2003. On June 30, 2004, Applicants filed a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Applicants received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 In the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) ("the Notification of Missing Requirements") on January 19, 2005. Applicants timely filed a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements on March 21, 2005. To date, however, Applicants have not received a Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) ("the Notification of Acceptance") or a first communication on the merits.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") inform the undersigned representative as to when the Notification of Acceptance and a first communication on the merits from the USPTO will be received.

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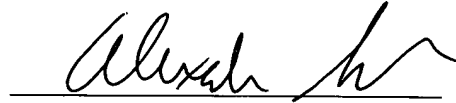
It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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